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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: GRAZIANO AZZALIN, ET AL.

FOR: FIXING MEMBER COMPRISING AN INTEGRITY CONTROL SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the indicated application, please enter and consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks**, beginning on page 6 of this paper.